



MONTANA FIREFIGHTER TRAINING OPEN BURNING PERMIT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

PLEASE NOTE:

The intentional burning of buildings is considered demolition. According to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), if a facility is demolished by intentional burning all asbestos-containing material, including non-friable asbestos, must be removed in accordance with the asbestos regulations before burning. Therefore, all asphalt shingles, flooring, siding, insulation, or any material which might contain asbestos, must be removed from structures prior to the training burn unless samples of the materials are analyzed by an accredited laboratory and are shown to be asbestos-free. Sampling of the potential asbestos-containing materials must be done by a state-accredited asbestos inspector. The removal of asbestos-containing material must be done in accordance with all federal, state, and OSHA regulations. Before any asbestos material can be removed, a permit must be obtained from the Asbestos Control Program in the Air and Waste Management Bureau, at the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department).

Regardless of whether or not asbestos is found in or on the facility, notification of the demolition by intentional burning is required. A copy of the notification must be received by the department at least 10 days prior to the burn and specific permission for the burn must be granted by the department prior to ignition.

For the protection of public health and safety, there are certain materials which are not to be open burned. Special allowances are made for firefighter training (denoted with **asterisks ***), but the permittee must remove all prohibited materials that can safely and reasonably be removed prior to the training burn. Prohibited materials include, but are not limited to: food wastes; styrofoam and other plastics; wastes generating noxious odors; wood and wood byproducts that have been coated, painted, stained or contaminated by a foreign material; poultry litter; animal droppings; dead animals or parts; **tires***; rubber materials; **asphalt shingles***; **tar paper***; **automobile or aircraft bodies and interiors***; **insulated wire***; **oil or petroleum products***; treated lumber and timbers; pathogenic wastes; hazardous wastes; trade wastes; any material from a salvage operation; **chemicals***; Christmas tree waste; asbestos or asbestos-containing material; and **standing or demolished structures***.

FAX or Mail the completed Firefighter Training Open Burning Permit Application to:

Montana Department of Environmental Quality
Permitting and Compliance Division
Air Resources Management Bureau
1520 East 6th Avenue
P.O. Box 200901
Helena, MT 59620
Telephone: (406) 444-3490
FAX: (406) 444-1499

Attachment: Public Notice Format

Instructions to Applicants for Firefighting Training Open Burning Permit

The notice below must be published no earlier than 10 days prior to the date your application will be submitted to the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department), Permitting and Compliance Division, and no later than 10 days following the date of submittal. The notice is to be published once in the legal notice section of a newspaper of general circulation where the firefighter training exercise is to be conducted. Questions regarding an appropriate newspaper should be addressed to the Department's Permitting and Compliance Division. **Any fees associated with publication of this notice are the responsibility of the permit applicant. A newspaper copy of the published notice(s) and the affidavit of publication must be submitted to the Department before the application can be processed.**

This notice is required by ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Rule 17.8.615 Firefighter Training.

PUBLIC NOTICE	
Notice of Application for Air Quality Permit (pursuant to Section 75-2-211, MCA, and ARM Title 17, Chapter 8, Subchapter 6, Open Burning),	
_____	<small>name of applicant(s)</small>
_____	on or about _____
<small>has filed/will file</small>	<small>date</small>
an application for a conditional air quality firefighter training burning permit from the Permitting and Compliance Division of the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (Department). Applicant(s) seeks approval of its/their application to conduct firefighter training exercises which may include burning of _____	

<small>brief description of type of material to be burned</small>	
at _____	
<small>(county/counties in which the open burning is to take place)</small>	

<u>Any member of the public with questions or who wishes to receive notice of the Department's determination, and the location where a copy of the application and the Department's analysis of it can be reviewed, or to submit comments on the application, must contact the Department at 1520 East Sixth Ave., P.O. Box 200901, Helena, Montana 59620-0901, phone (406) 444-3490.</u>	
Any comments on the application must be submitted to the Department within 20 days after publication of this notice or filing of the application, whichever is later. The Department's decision to approve or deny an application for a conditional open burning permit may be reviewed by the Board of Environmental Review (Board) according to the following procedure:	
When the Department approves or denies the application for a conditional open burning permit under this section, a person who is jointly or severally adversely affected by the Department's decision may request, within 15 days after the Department renders its decision, upon affidavit setting forth the grounds therefor, a hearing before the Board. A hearing shall be held under the provisions of the Montana Administrative Procedures Act.	
The Department's decision on the application is not final unless 15 days have elapsed and there is no request for a hearing under this section. The filing of a request for a hearing postpones the effective date of the Department's decision until the conclusion of the hearing and issuance of a final decision by the Board.	